

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Attention: Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

**TRANSMITTAL OF APPELLANTS' REPLY BRIEF**

The enclosed reply brief is being filed in furtherance of the Examiner's Answer, mailed on November 21, 2006. The present filing date of January 22, 2007, is within the permissible two month term for filing a response, as January 22, represents the first business day after January 21, 2007, which corresponds to a Sunday. By filing the present reply brief, the applicant requests that the appeal be maintained, each new ground of rejection is addressed in the reply brief.

In connection with filing the reply brief, no fee is believed to be due. However in the event that the applicants are mistaken and a fee is in fact due in connection with the filing and the consideration of the reply brief, the undersigned authorizes the Commissioner and

respectfully requests that the fee(s) be charged to deposit account 50-2117 of Motorola, Inc. The Commissioner is further authorized to credit any overpayments to deposit account 50-2117 of Motorola, Inc.

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